209 W. 45th St.,
March 26.

My Dear May,

I am both glad and grateful to find, as I do by yours of the 24th. that my review of Thayer commends itself to your critical judgment. My own conviction is that such work does good, though I do not imagine that it is necessary to Garrison's ultimate vindication before the world. I will even confess to you that I assume

to myself to ~~have~~ have been
reserved and preserved
for this task. In no other part
of my life has my satis-
faction in view of duty
performed been greater.
I have studied to seek
all partizanship, to sup-
press all personal un-
friendliness, and to treat
all persons and parties
with justice, fairness and
courtesy. I think that, when
I am gone, I shall be more
remembered by serving
friends for this than for any-

thing else. Your kind words confirm me in this judgment.

I unite with all that you suggest and propose in regard to the reading before the Society and the subsequent publication in the Spy. You are at liberty to show the MS. to whomsoever you please. If you feel able to be present at the reading before the Society, I shall be most glad to have you there. If you are able to do the reading, so much the better. But do not be imprudent in

anything affecting your health.

To-morrow (Sunday)
I will write the new para-
graphs of which I spoke
in my last, making a page
or two which I think will
add to the impressive-
ness of the paper before
the Society.

Yours, always,

Oliver Johnson.

ms. B. 1, 6 v. 11, p. 71